

**1 loving  
one another  
LIFE IN GOD'S FAMILY**



REMEMBER THE  
SOURCE OF LOVE

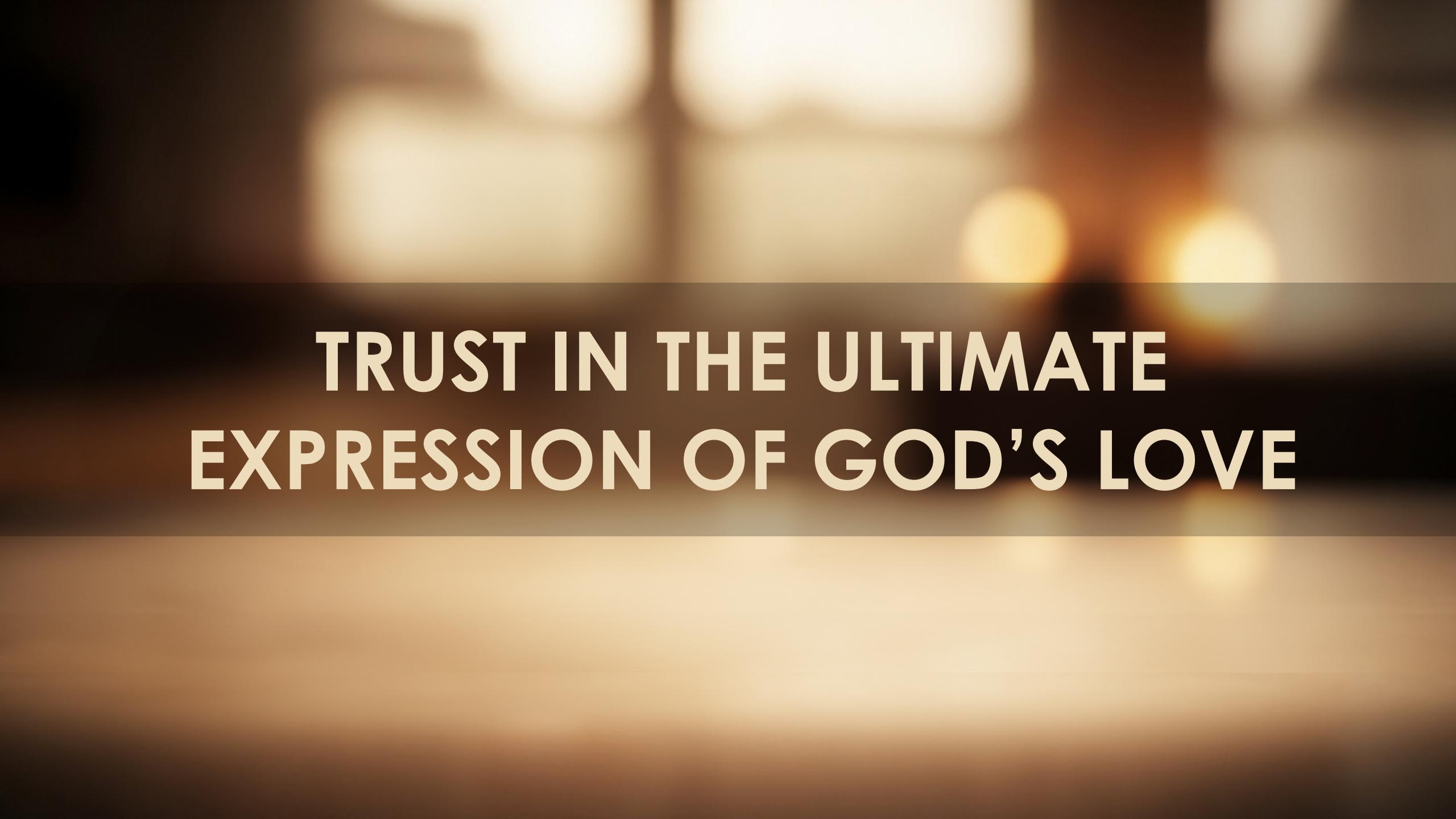
REMEMBER THE SOURCE OF LOVE

1 JOHN 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation.”**

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



TRUST IN THE ULTIMATE  
EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE

**9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

TRUST IN THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE

1 JOHN 4:11-12

**11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

## JESUS' NEW COMMANDMENT

## JOHN 13:34-35

**34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

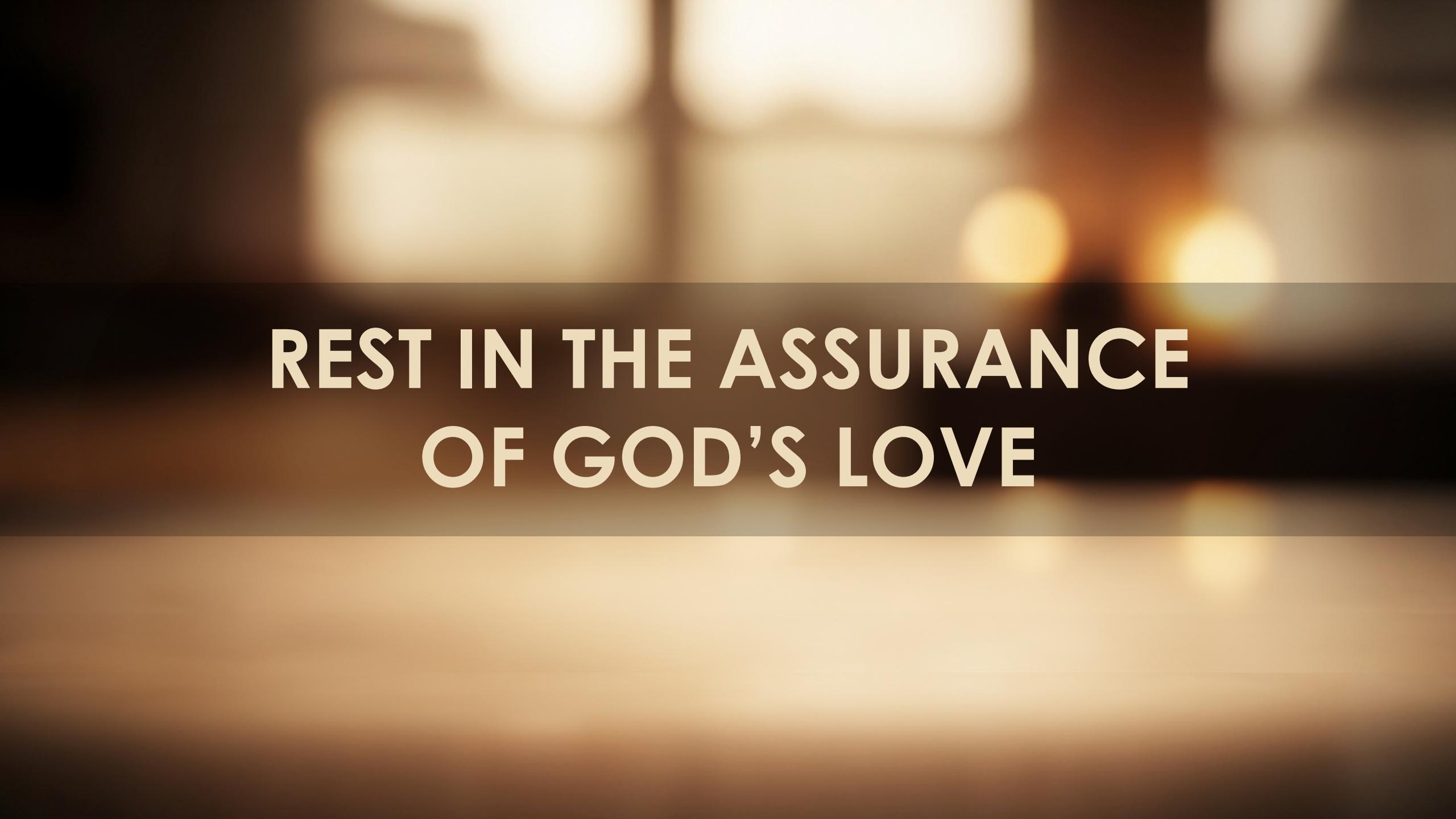
## HYMN - HOW GREAT THOU ART

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.*

## SUMMARY OF 1 JOHN 4:7-12

### We are to LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- LOVE originates in God
- LOVE was manifested in Jesus' sacrifice
- LOVE is demonstrated in His people, the Church



REST IN THE ASSURANCE  
OF GOD'S LOVE

# REST IN THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

1 JOHN 4:13-18

**13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

**15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.



The Christian is to live by faith, trusting in the trustworthiness of God Himself and His Word. A train is a good illustration of the relationship between fact, faith and feeling. Let us call the train engine "fact" — the fact of God's promises found in His Word. The fuel car we will call "faith" — your trust in God and His Word. The caboose we will call "feelings."

17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

# DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

If we live in fear of any of any created thing, we are living a shadow of the life God promises.

ALL is being worked out for our good. ALL.



FEAR

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, (i.e., nothing) will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



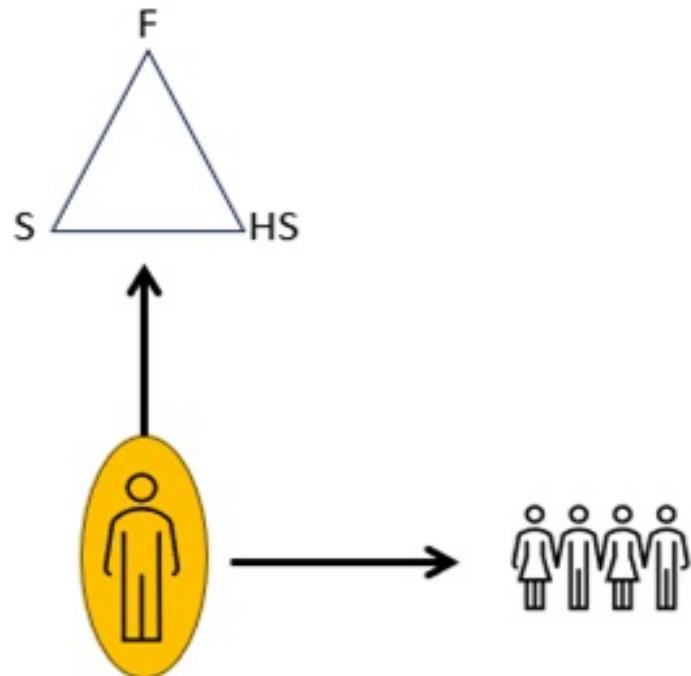
BEAR FRUIT FROM THE OVERFLOW  
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## BEAR FRUIT FROM THE OVERFLOW OF GOD'S LOVE    1 JOHN 4:19-21

**19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

# LOVE IN THE OVERFLOW\*

LOVE GOD | LOVE PEOPLE

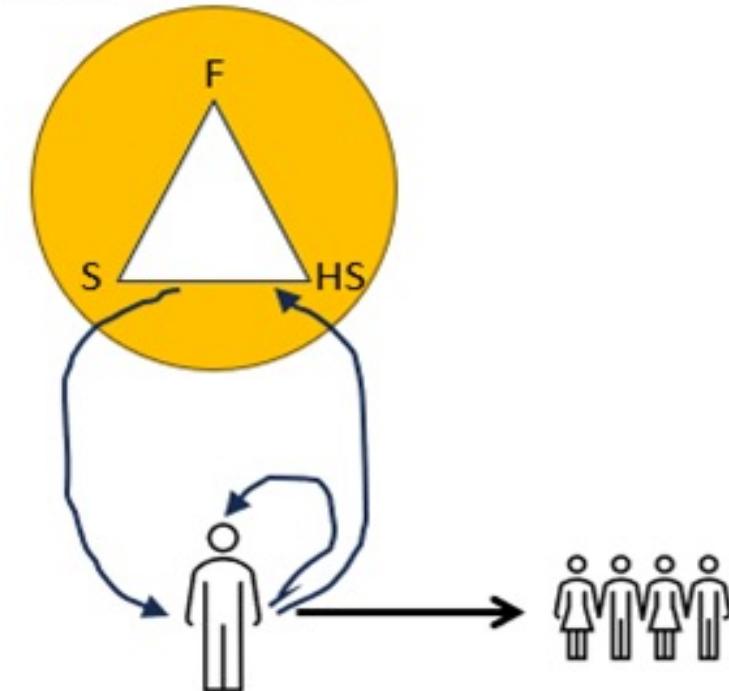


Where is the Source of Love in the picture?; where is the pressure?

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

<sup>5</sup> The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1 Tim 1:5

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matt 22:36-40



Where is the Source of Love in this picture?

\* Jim Stern, BE: The Way of Rest

- **Celebrate together the moments of joy**
- **Open our lives to others through hospitality**
- **Walk together through seasons of grief**
- **Commit to strengthen our marriages and significant relationships**
- **Engage in church family gatherings and ministries**
- **Reach out to someone in need**

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER

1 JOHN 4:7-21

- REMEMBER THE SOURCE OF LOVE
- TRUST IN THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE
- REST IN THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE
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